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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY
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Sir:

Response is made to the requirement for restriction of the application under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372 set forth in the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002 (Paper No. 16). Also, prior to further examination on the merits of this application, Applicants have added newly presented claims drawn to the invention asserted in Group V, to which an election has been provisionally made herein. Applicants respectfully request entry of the newly added claims. Applicants also request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction in view of the foregoing and the following remarks.

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